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## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Foster family home certification is a legal process that must be completed in compliance with the relevant public act and rules.

## LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

### Act 116, Public Acts of 1973

Act 116, Public Acts of 1973, provides the basis for licensing rules that are relevant to the foster home certification process for child placing agencies. All relevant rules in the act must be followed.

### Licensing Rules

Foster family home certification must be conducted in compliance with rules found in the following:

- Licensing Rules for Child Placing Agencies, provides specific rules and definitions that child placing agencies are required to follow.
- Licensing Rules for Foster Family Homes and Foster Family Group Homes, provides rules and definitions for licensed foster homes.

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MANUAL

The Technical Assistance (TA) manual provides detailed instructions for completing foster home licensing tasks, interpretation of licensing rules, and guidance on the foster home certification process.

## WEB LINK

A link to the Public Act, licensing rules, technical assistance manual, and other important foster home certification tools can be found at the following web address:

[https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71551\\_27716\\_76094\\_27721---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71551_27716_76094_27721---,00.html)

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